GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to consider to privatise health sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no relief to urban poor and rural population inspite of advancement in the drug industry; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Majority of the drugs required by the urban poor and rural population are included in the essential drug list which are provided under the National Programmes such as Reproductive and Child Health, National Blindness Control etc., through the wide network of Primary Health Centres and urban dispensaries.